

TULARE COUNTY DOMESTIC TASK FORCE

MINUTES

Meeting: July 26, 2005
Place: Marie Callender's Restaurant
Time: 4:10 to 5:00 pm
Present: Lana French Central California Legal Services
Sgt. Cheri Lehner TCSO
David Galloway TCSO
Det. Mark Lightfoot TCSO
Joan Cuadra Proteus
Pat Foster TCSC
Honorable Elisabeth Krant TCSC
Elda Allen Probation
Honorable Norma Castellanos-Perez TCSC
Elizabeth Lawrence TCD CSS
Todd Hayward DA
Esmeralda Ramos TCSO
Diane Thue-Vasquez CCLS

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed.

There was discussion regarding the agenda for all meetings. The original task force had an agenda which consisted of:

- Policies and procedures - all agencies
- Case analysis – how system broke down – problems in Court
- Resource identification – understanding what resources are available
- Training – identifying needs
- Web site – try to link into Court web site

The original task force developed committees which met regularly and the task force met quarterly: January, April, July, and October.

Case analysis was never done.

The question was posed: How can the Court's Strategic Plan meld into our task force? Judge Krant reported nothing is happening with the Strategic Plan at this time.

Training issues regarding Cites and Warrants were discussed.

It was noted that the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) wants the Courts to look at our system and see how it works.

It was pointed out that money is needed for training and our web site. It was indicated that the District Attorney's Office may have some money in a grant that could be used.

It was recommended that Case Problems be a regular agenda item.

Pat Foster recommended that the task force have training in the Spring.

Motion made and seconded to have meetings on a quarterly basis. Motion carried. Meetings will be held in October, January, April, and July.

Motion made to form subcommittees for: Training, Website and Community Outreach.

Training: Co-Chairs – Linda Campo-Blazich and Lana French

Website: Chairperson – Commissioner Castellanos-Perez

Community Outreach: Co-Chairs: Joan Cuadra and Elizabeth Lawrence

The Chairperson will schedule the meetings and email the taskforce. Anyone who wants to attend the various subcommittee meetings may attend. Minutes of the sub-committee meetings will be circulated to the taskforce. The Chairs and Co-Chairs will meet. Issues of great importance will be circulated to the taskforce and if necessary, a special meeting of the taskforce can be held.

This will be our last meeting at Marie Callender's. Commissioner Castellanos-Perez volunteered to contact CASA to see if our meetings could be held in their conference room. Joan Cuadra indicated Proteus' facility could be used. The location of the next meeting will be determined later and the taskforce will be notified by e-mail.

Commissioner Castellanos-Perez reminded the group we are going to have a meeting in the South County.

Information will be gathered regarding the policy of each LE agency regarding CLETS and TROs.

Commissioner Castellanos-Perez reported that Linda Campo-Blazich had emailed her regarding protective orders and indicated orders will not be enforced unless the number of yards is ordered.

Diane Thue-Vasquez advised the taskforce that this is her last meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Elda Allen

Probation will facilitate and TCSO will record at the next meeting.